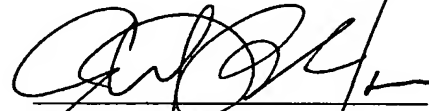


In view of the [redacted] amendment and Applicant's comment [redacted] stated herein, Applicant respectfully requests an early and favorable action on the merits.

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- 13.** (Amended) A program for allowing a computer to realize the information retrieval system for retrieving information from a database, said information retrieval system ~~according to claim 1~~ **comprising:**

means for representing an input screen for inputting query information;

and

query vector representing means for representing a query conception assembled from the inputted query information as a query vector which contains a plurality of keywords and weights of the respective keywords.